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SUBJECT:MIKEL PALI CASE

REF: BELIZE 191

1. CONGRESSMAN PAUL FINDLEY HAS WRITTEN DEPARTMENT TO REQUEST ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REGARDING CASE OF MR. AND MRS. MIKEL PALI. PALI'S DEPORTATION FROM BELIZE WAS REPORTED IN REFTEL. FINDLEY ALSO REQUESTS DEPARTMENT ASSISTANCE TO PALI'S IN EFFORTS TO OBTAIN REIMBURSEMENT FOR PROPERTY REPORTEDLY CONFISCATED BY GOB. RELEVANT PORTION OF TEXT OF FINDLEY LETTER FOLLOWS: QUOTE:

- I HAVE RECEIVED A TELEPHONE CALL FROM MRS. PETER C. MARKUNAS, WHOSE DAUGHTER RESIDES IN BELIZE (FORMERLY BRITISH HONDURAS) IN CENTRAL AMERICA.
- RECENTLY HER DAUGHTER AND SON-IN-LAW, MR. MIKEL PALI (A NATURALIZED AMERICAN ORIGINALLY FROM ALBANIA), PURCHASED 200 ACRES OF LAND IN BELIZE. SHORTLY THEREAFTER THE LAND WAS CONFISCATED BY THE BELEZIAN GOVERNMENT AND MR. PALI WAS DEPORTED. HIS WIFE, MARILYN, IS STILL RESIDING IN BELIZE (P.O. BOX 43, BELMOPAN, BELIZE, CENTRAL AMERICA), AWAITING REIMBURSEMENT FOR THIS LAND. TO DATE SUCH PAYMENT HAS NOT BEEN RECEIVED.

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- I WILL APPRECIATE YOUR LOOKING INTO THIS MATTER AND
- ANY ASSISTANCE YOU CAN PROVIDE THE PALIS IN SECURING
- REIMBURSEMENT FOR THEIR PROPERTY. END QUOTE.

2. CONGEN REQUESTED TO CONTACT MRS. PALI AT EARLIEST
O,PORTUNITY AND DETERMINE FULL FACTS OF CASE, PARTICULARLY
WITH RESPECT TO DISPOSITION OF LAND. PLEASE CABLE DETAILS
OF CASE AND POSSIBLE COURSES OF ACTION OPEN TO CONGEN IN
ASSISTING MRS. PALI. INGERSOLL

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